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Immanuel (God with us)

I. Introduction

- A. This name is the Incarnation name of God
 - 1. Immanuel is a transliteration of the original Hebrew word composed of "Immanu" (with us) and "El" (God)
 - This name expresses the wonder of His incarnation
 - John 1:14
 - In the Old Testament God's presence with His people Israel was particularly evident in the Tabernacle
 - Exodus 25:8
 - But the glory that filled the tabernacle was surpassed by the personal presence of God the Son as he revealed the Father during his ministry on earth.

II. Immanuel

- A. One thing that we must be abundantly clear about is that without Jesus, Christianity is just another religion among many.
 - 1. He is the very essence of God who came to take away the sins of the world and reveal the Father to us in the Flesh. He is God with us, Immanuel!
 - Immanuel is the final Name of God we are going to look at!
 - Immanuel embodies and fulfills all the names we've looked at thus far. The record of Jesus's birth includes these words.
 - Matthew 1:21-23
 - The essence of this passage and of the historical event it records isn't merely the birth of a baby. The essence is that God became a baby.
 - We read about this prophecy in Isaiah 9:6
 - 2. In the book of Hebrews we see a conversation between God the Father and Christ the Son. In it they talk about Christ coming to Earth as a man to do the Father's will.
 - Hebrews 10:5-7
 - Jesus came not only to do the Father's will but also to represent God the Father so that we would know what it's like to have God with us, as the name Immanuel proclaims.



- Colossians 1:15
- Hebrews 1:3
- John 1:1
- John 1:14
- John 1:18
- Jesus Christ is Immanuel, God with us. He is the very representation and likeness of God, sent to show us the beauty and majesty of the King.
- The Word John is writing when he opens his Gospel presentation is none other than Jesus Christ
 - We know this because John 1:14 tells us so.
- 3. Jesus walked among us. He was flesh, bones, and blood, and yet he was perfectly Divine.
 - At one moment he was hungry because he was fully human, and the next moment he fed 5,000 because he was fully God.
 - Without Immanuel (JESUS) we would have no way of fully understanding God.
 - John 1:18
 - How does God make himself known?
 - Through Immanuel. To understand and know Jesus is to understand and know God.
 - Phillip had been one of Jesus's disciples for 3 years when he came up with an interesting request
 - John 14:8
 - Jesus's answer puts His purpose in perspective.
 - John 14:9
 - John 14:6

III. The Wonder of His Name

- A. As I mentioned earlier, names in biblical times had weight and carried meaning. They were not named because it sounded nice or because it matched with the last name. A name was a revelation of the individual or thing itself.
 - 1. When the angel Gabriel visited Mary to foretell the birth of the Messiah, he instructed Mary to call the baby Jesus because that name meant He would save His people from their sins
 - Jesus in the New Testament was equivalent to the Old Testament name Joshua, which means "Salvation"



- Yet Jesus has other names as well. They aren't literal names you would use in conversation
- Rather they are descriptive names assigned to Him that give us insight into His character and mission.
- Isaiah 9:6

B. Wonderful Counselor

- 1. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor
 - His perspective is infinite, His resources are unlimited.
 - His experience includes a lifetime on earth enduring the same trials and temptations we face. Who could be more qualified to offer us guidance and direction?

C. Mighty God

- 1. Jesus never fails. He is Faithful. All the power of creation stands behind His promise to provide and care for us.
 - Jesus has the might of control and wisdom coupled with the might of supernatural strength.
 - Jesus has the might to calm seas by simply uttering the word "peace".
 - The mighty hands that formed the mountains, oceans, and skies
 - With those same hands He is strong enough to defeat any army or enemy, yet gentle enough to comfort any heart.
 - Might is the ability to use strength strategically for the good of others.
 - Jesus-Immanuel- embodies might in its most perfect form

D. Everlasting Father

- 1. Everlasting means Forever! There is no beginning. There is no end. The fact is that God never did arrive. He has always been.
 - That can be mind numbing for us as finite, temporal human beings.
 - God transcends time and also penetrates time and space to make Himself known to us through Jesus Christ.

E. Prince of Peace

- 1. Humanity desperately wants peace. Some even go to the extent of going to war to make peace.
 - The truth is few of us even understand peace. Many of us wouldn't recognize it even if we saw it.
 - This is because we are frequently unsettled within.
 - James 4:1-2



- In Jesus we have the alternative to a life long struggle, Paul discovered this truth
 - Philippians 4:11-13

IV. The Fulfiller of Names

- A. Jesus not only has other names but also fulfills the names of God we have looked at in this bible study.
 - 1. Elohim (The Strong Creator God) Colossians 1:16
 - 2. Jehovah (The Relational God)- John 17:23
 - 3. Adonai (The God Who Rules) Luke 6:46
 - 4. Jehovah Jireh (The Lord our Provider) John 6:35
 - 5. Jehovah Tsaba (The Lord our Warrior) Revelation 19:11
 - 6. Jehovah Shalom (The Lord is Peace) John 16:33
 - 7. Jehovah Rohi (The Lord My Shepherd) John 10:27
 - 8. Jehovah Nissi (The Lord my Banner) John 16:33
 - 9. Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord who Sanctifies) 1 Corinthians 1:30
 - 10. Jehovah Rapha (The Lord who Heals)- Matthew 4:23
 - 11. Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord our Righteousness) 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - 12. El Elyon (The Most High God) Revelation 5:13
 - 13.El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) Revelation 1:8
- B. From the beginning of the World to its end, Jesus is the visible manifestation of God's character and names.
 - 1. There is no place where you can look and not see Jesus! He is everywhere!
 - Colossians 1:17
 - The most unique person in history God in the flesh deserves the highest place in our priorities.